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NON-PARTISAN MOVEMENT AT LOGAN COMPLETE SUCCESS

(Deseret News.)

The campaign just closed at Logan resulted in a complete, unqualified, and glorious victory for the non-partisan movement. This is true notwithstanding two of the non-partisan candidates lost out at the primary election, namely, Hendrickson and Hayball. The victory of the Citizens non-partisan cause lies in the complete vindication by the people of the principles for which it stood. Hereafter it would be worse than folly for either political party to attempt to place a political ticket in the field. It is believed that this situation is fully realized by the leaders of both parties and that as a consequence the municipal affairs of Logan and party politics have been separated for some years to come at least.

It would seem that John A. Hendrickson, non-partisan candidate for mayor up to the primary election, was the man selected to experience the keen bite of the political traitor. His losing out at the primary election might be passed as a mere incident were it not for the attendant circumstances. When Hendrickson accepted the place on the non-partisan ticket he did so with a full and implicit understanding that the Republican party was going to abide by the spirit of the law and as such would place no ticket in the field. As early as the sixth day of September, when the non-partisan movement was just beginning to take form, the local leaders met in caucus at which Mr. Hendrickson was present, and by unanimous vote decided that no ticket would be placed in the field by the Republican party. Then when the non-partisan committee composed of A. M. Fleming, LeRoy Cardon, A. G. Lundstrom, J. E. Shepard, Geo. P. Thatcher, D. C. Budge, Chas. M. Harris, J. W. Morrell, N. M. Hansen, Fred W. Crockett and L. J. Had-dock called upon Hendrickson to accept a place upon their ticket, these same local leaders urged Mr. Hendrickson to accept to the importunities of the committee. Finally, Mr. Hendrickson, after all this assurance, and an additional signed request by over twenty business men representing thousands of dollars of property, decided that if the people wanted him he was ready to serve them. Within two weeks from this time these same party leaders met in convention and did that very thing they had agreed not to do, and commenced a systematic campaign against the cause of the man whom they had encouraged to act. The stern rebuke, however, administered to them on Nov. 7, was only commensurate with the breach of faith that had marked their course.

Defeat, however, very frequently adds glory and prestige to the person defeated. This is the case with Mr. Hendrickson. He has emerged

from this series of entangled plots and intrigues, into a healthier and more trustful atmosphere than he has ever occupied in Logan before. The people are converted to the principle for which he stood. The general expression is that his services as mayor would have been of immeasurable benefit to Logan, and they hope for the future to furnish an opportunity to reward him for the great good he has done to Logan in the past and for his all-around enterprising and industrious career.

A CITIZEN OF LOGAN.

WHO ARE THE TRAITORS?

The above article on the "Non-Partisan movement at Logan" and appearing in the Saturday number of the Deseret News, can be christened no more nor less than a "Hendrickson Wall." This is true in the first place from the fact that it is very probable it was written by Mr. Hendrickson himself. In the second place if he did not write it, it was no doubt written by one of his proteges, in all probability on Mr. Hendrickson's typewriter, the same as was the article along the same lines appearing in the Logan Journal, Saturday, November 4th and labeled "A bill of political history." In any event the article represents the sentiments expressed by Mr. Hendrickson both before and after election, and is a complete reproduction of the wall he is delivering daily.

Now we have no desire to fight the election over again. The people have spoken, and we had hoped that the past could be shelved in order that all might get together and work for the advancement of Logan. But Mr. Hendrickson is not content. He, or his representative, must carry on the fight, and not content with fighting his battles at home, it must be carried to one of the big daily papers of the state. Two reasons for the article are manifest, first, to bring Mr. Hendrickson in the spot light in a state capacity, and to herald him as a martyr, and a great man, and second, to brand what he terms "local party leaders" as traitors, and show that he was the "man selected to experience the keen bite of the political traitor." As for the first we have no objection to his being in "the spot light" in any capacity. We have no objection whatever as to the length and breadth of the area on which his greatness is paraded. We realize that he is a great man, in consequence of which we once voted for him in a Republican convention as the Republican candidate for mayor. We supported him throughout the campaign, and on election day it was our pleasure to work and vote for him. He was not elected, 'tis true, but that was not our fault, and the fact of his failing of election does not increase or decrease our admiration for him. In the article referred to either himself, or his protege, tells how the people are just waiting losing

sleep no doubt, longing for the future to furnish an opportunity to reward him. Even this we have no objection to, and if there is anything due him the good Lord and all of us hope he will live long enough to be paid in full. We shall always be glad to join hands with all good citizens in doing justice to any and all worthy men in the future as we have done in the past. As for Mr. Hendrickson there has not been a day, nor an hour, in all his political career wherein he has not been treated fairly, and had justice dealt out to him.

As for the second reason, the branding of "local party leaders" as traitors we take issue, and call Mr. "Citizen of Logan," he be Mr. Hendrickson, or otherwise, to account. You claim that "the local leaders met in caucus at which Mr. Hendrickson was present, and by unanimous vote decided that no ticket would be placed in the field by the Republican party." Dear Citizen can you bring the word of one of those present at the meeting save John A. Hendrickson, who will make such a statement. You know the men who were present. Call upon Mayor Anderson, City Chairman J. Charles Johnson, Dr. George Thomas, Councilmen John Quayle, S. O. Stevens, Albert Berntsen, Lorin A. Merrill, and Olaf I. Pederson, Joseph Odell, H. A. Pederson and Herschel Bullen, and ask them if there was any such action taken. They were all at the meeting and have gone on record as to the proceedings, and it is a fact that not one of them were a party to any such action. Dear Citizen produce one person, save, John A. who will make such an absurd, unwarranted, and untruthful statement and there will then be at least a slight excuse for your blackmail of your fellow citizens in a state daily. As a matter of fact there was no such action, and no reference whatever to the candidacy of John A. Hendrickson, or any other man. The meeting was called for another purpose altogether, and had honor and decency existed between men there would have been nothing published about the meeting.

But just suppose for a moment that the gentlemen invited by the mayor had done as Mr. Citizen, and as Mr. Hendrickson, says they did. Were they the Republican party? Has there ever been any act on the part of either of these gentlemen to speak for the Republican party? Have they not always stood for submitting party matters to the party in convention assembled? Did they not do right by deciding that the initiative belonged to the city committee? And did not the Republican party meet in convention assembled? Did not every Republican have a chance to speak his mind? Was not a resolution presented to the effect that no ticket be endorsed? And was not that resolution overwhelmingly defeated? Following upon the defeat of this resolution was not a motion made to the effect that the Republican party proceed to endorse a ticket? Was not this motion carried without a dissenting vote? Mr. Hendrickson will you please answer? You were at the meeting and took part in the balloting, and even you did not vote against putting a ticket in the field. Even you took part in the proceedings and voted for candidates. After all these questions have been answered it will then be in order to ask WHO IS AND WHERE ARE THE TRAITORS? Are they the gentlemen who stood by the will of the Republican party in convention assembled, as they have always done in the past, which is in their favor as to their acts in the future? Or are they those who stand practically alone in their feeble attempts to blackmail honest and consistent men, those whose past party record is shady, those who met with their party in convention assembled and then went out

and repudiated it just to satisfy an over abundance for office? Which?

WHY IS IT?

Why is it that the Deseret News is being continually imposed upon by irresponsible writers from this county? This question is asked on account of the article from the News of Saturday evening, reproduced in this issue, which is practically on a par with others that have appeared from time to time in the columns of the News. The News, generally speaking, is fair, but in these instances it certainly shoots wide of the mark, and is the victim of gross imposition.

In this particular instance the News lends its columns in defense of men that have knowingly represented their fellows falsely and men that rushed to the defense of a party that has done all in its power to tear down and belittle men that have brought credit and honor to Utah—men whom

the News has applauded. Among the many specific instances we quote the following. In its issue of November 9th, just following the recent election, the Democratic organ of this city has this to say: "Well, what's the use of mourning—it's the best thing that could have happened for the city, so cheer up Mr. Smoot, the worst is yet to come." Just why Senator Smoot should be dragged into the matter is hard to comprehend. He had nothing to do with the affair at all. He supported the non-partisan movement in Provo and Salt Lake City, and had nothing at all to say about the Logan controversy. He is a gentleman in every respect, has achieved more honor in the senate than any man that ever went from Utah, and any man that ever went from the west for that matter, and is a credit to the state, yet following its usual custom this Democratic paper never loses an opportunity to make its far fetched thrusts. Now it is the men that made

possible the election of the candidate. This Democratic paper supported that the News gives space in its columns. It is the men that made the combine with the party supported by this Democratic paper that the news permits space to call true loyal representatives of a just cause, traitors. It is the defeated candidate, or his representative, of a movement which defeated the Republican party in Logan that is granted space in the News in which to herald himself as a martyr, when as a matter of fact he has been treated perfectly fair. It is this combination that worked hand in hand with the followers of the Logan Journal, that never loses an opportunity to belittle Senator Smoot and the others of Utah's Congressional delegation, a delegation that has done more for Utah than all their predecessors put together. The News is certainly the victim of gross imposition.

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